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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-1/8 without prejudice, and insert claims 19-37 as

A flap-type grinding tool, which is configured symmetrically about an axis

of rotation comprising:

- an outer portion;
- a plurality of abrasive flaps disposed on the outer portion wherein the outer portion is selected from the group consisting of a periphery, end faces, and dombinations thereof;

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